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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,106
Filed: October 15, 1999
Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
Atty. Ref.: 04983.0119.00US01/38-21(15598)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Form PTO-1083 (in duplicate);
2. Response to Office Action dated September 12, 2000 (with copy of pending claims attached); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 04983.0119.00US01. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)
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Enclosures

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19 and § 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.
☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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